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**By ECF**

Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Judge  
U.S. Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

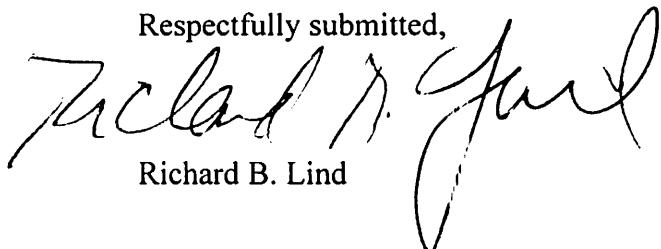
Re: United States v. Jesse Rivera  
15 Cr. 877 (PAE)

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

There has been a breakdown in communications and the attorney-client relationship between myself and Mr. Rivera that I believe necessitates the appointment of new defense counsel. Indeed, at an hour-long meeting at the MCC this morning, Mr. Rivera read to me a copy of a letter he claims he had mailed to the Court seeking new appointed counsel. Accordingly, I am writing to request that the Court resolve this issue as soon as convenient in order to avoid any ill effect on Mr. Rivera's interests and ability to prepare for trial.

Thank you for the Court's consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard B. Lind

cc: AUSA Thomas McKay (by ECF)